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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a method of feeding carnitine supplemented diets to sows during the period of gestation or during both gestation and lactation periods. The method enhances pork productivity by increasing litter and pig birth and weaning weights, reducing the number of stillborn pigs and increasing the number of pigs born alive in the subsequent reproductive cycle. Sow diets of this invention include carnitine, such as L-carnitine or L-carnitine salts. Carnitine is generally added to the swine feed formulation in the amount of from about 50 to about 5,000 ppm.

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